



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Better *et al.*

Appln. No.: 10/040,945

Filed: January 9, 2002

For: **Modular Assembly of Antibody
Genes, Antibodies Prepared
Thereby And Use**

Confirmation No.: 5282

Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: Blanchard, David J.

Atty. Docket: 0610.005000I/MAC

Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the final office action mailed November 24, 2004, the period for responding to which has been extended three months from February 24, 2005 to May 24, 2005, by the accompanying petition and payment of fees, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this reply.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this reply.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this reply.